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Before GLORIA HENDERSON, *Review Team Paralegal*
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This application was received electronically at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on September 9, 2009. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matter(s) requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

EXAMINER'S ANSWER/GROUNDS OF REJECTION

The Examiner's Answer mailed May 8, 2009 is defective, since it states under the Grounds of Rejection that Claims 1, 5, 6, 21-25, 26 and 27-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)..... An Amendment filed on April 24, 2008 canceled Claim 26. Appropriate correction is required, for clarification of the record.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is being electronically returned to the Examiner:

1) vacate the Examiner's Answer mailed May 8, 2009, and mail a Supplemental Examiner's Answer with the correct information for the claims under the Grounds of Rejection; and

2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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